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THE following Petition of the Preſident and Council, and of the Aſſembly of the Iſland of Antigua, having been tranſmitted to the Right Honourable the Earl of Hillſborough, one of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, has by him been preſented to His Majeſty.

To the KING's moſt Excellent MAJESTY.

MAY it pleaſe Your moſt Excellent Majeſty to permit us, the Members of Your Majeſty's Council, and the Repreſentatives in the General Aſſembly, of Your Majeſty's Iſland of ANTIGUA, to become Petitioners to Your Majeſty, and to tranſmit, from this remote Part of Your Dominions, and bring before Your Royal Eye the preſent Diſtreſſes of many of Your Majeſty's moſt loyal and faithful Subjects in this Iſland: Nor ſhould we preſume to intrude on Your Majeſty with ſo painful a Recital, were we not encouraged thereto by the well-known amiable Benevolence of Your Royal Diſpoſition. This it is which gives us Reaſon to hope, that, whatever Pain Your Majeſty feels in viewing the Miſeries of Your faithful Subjects, Your Humanity ſtill thinks itſelf in ſome Meaſure recompenſed by the Satisfaction You receive in extending Your Royal Bounty, to the Comfort of the Unhappy, and Relief of the Diſtreſſed.

Your Majeſty's Town of *Saint John*, the late flouriſhing Metropolis of Antigua, and the Mart and Store-houſe of it's Siſter Iſlands, is, in the Space of a few Hours, from a rich and well-built City, become a Pile of Ruins. A Fire, which broke out on the Seventeenth Day of Auguſt, and burnt with uncommon Fury for Twelve Hours, in Spite of every Effort to ſtop it's Progreſs, has conſumed almoſt every valuable Building we could boaſt of, and preſents a Spectacle of Horror and Deſolation, equalled only by the Deſpair and Miſery of our poor Inhabitants. Of the Dwelling-houſes and Stores of our Merchants, (which were filled with Proviſions and other Goods for the Uſe of this and the neighbouring Iſlands) nothing now remains but the bare Walls: And the Deſtruction of the greateſt Part of our Ciſterns and Reſervoirs, in a Town deſtitute of Springs of Water, creates the moſt dreadful Apprehenſions of the Want of that Neceſſary of Life. Nor has the Loſs been confined to Your Majeſty's Subjects, as private Perſons; Your Majeſty's Cuſtom-houſe is laid in Aſhes. Some of our public Buildings have ſhared in the general Calamity: Our Market-houſe, Goal, and Arſenal, are deſtroyed; and the Neceſſity of an immediate Increaſe of the Public Expence, to repair theſe Loſſes, adds ſtill more heavily to the Diſtreſs of the Individual. By this unfortunate and fatal Accident, Moſt Gracious SIRE, many Families of Your Majeſty's moſt faithful Subjects are at once reduced, from Eaſe and Competence, to Indigence and Miſery; and the whole Loſs, ſuſtained in Proviſions, Goods, and Buildings, is eſtimated at FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS. The Wants of the moſt wretched of our Sufferers call loudly on us for immediate Relief; and the Hand of Charity has been already ſtretched out for that Purpoſe: But the Contributions of the Charitable within this Iſland only, in its preſent Situation, are inadequate to a Calamity, ſo general in its Extent, and ſo ruinous in its Conſequences.

Thus unhappy and diſtreſſed, to whom (under God) ſhould we look up for Relief or Comfort, but to your moſt Excellent Majeſty, whoſe paternal and tender Regard for Your Subjects, however diſtant from Your Sacred Perſon, will (we preſume) induce You to extend Your Royal Bounty towards the Indigent in this Iſland? Should Your Majeſty be graciouſly pleaſed to conſider our Inhabitants, who are thus reduced to Poverty, as Objects of Your Royal Beneficence, we flatter ourſelves, that our Fellow-Subjects in our Mother-Country, animated by Your great Example, will not confine the good Influence of that Charity, for which they have been ſo long famed and admired, within the Limits of Great Britain; but will generouſly ſend forth their Contributions to the unhappy Sufferers in Antigua, and convince the World, that their Bounty, like Your Majeſty's Gracious and Benevolent Protection, extends itſelf without Diſtinction to the Diſtreſſed, in every remote Quarter of Your Majeſty's Dominions.

Your Majeſty's Petitioners therefore moſt humbly pray Your moſt Excellent Majeſty, That You would be graciouſly pleaſed to extend Your Royal Bounty towards Your faithful and loyal Subjects in this Iſland, and to grant them ſuch Relief, as to Your Majeſty's Humanity and Beneficence ſhall ſeem proper.

And Your Petitioners will ever pray, &c.

EDWARD OTTO BAIJER, *Preſident of the Council.*

THOMAS WARNER, *Speaker.*

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 22d Day of *December*, 1769,

PRESENT,

The KING's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Letter from the Commiſſioners of Cuſtoms in Scotland to the Secretary of the Treaſury, dated the 12th of this Inſtant, ſetting forth, That the Lord Provoſt of Edinburgh, as Preſes of the Convention of the Royal Boroughs in Scotland, had informed them, that Mr. John Stuart, Deputy Conſervator of the Scots Privileges at Campveer, had tranſmitted to his Lordſhip a Copy of a Placart publiſhed by the States of Zeeland, prohibiting, under certain Reſtrictions, the Importation of Hay and Straw into the ſaid Province, as apprehending the Infection raging in other Parts among the Horned Cattle had been ſpread by the Introduction of thoſe Commodities; and informing his Lordſhip, that a Ship called the Peggy of Dyſert, John Spittle Maſter, had taken on Board a Parcel of Hay at Middleburgh, in order to be landed at Dyſert in Scotland; and his Lordſhip having deſired that Orders might be given to the Officers of the Cuſtoms for delaying the Landing of the ſaid Hay, the ſaid Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in regard to the Delicacy and Importance of the Matter, and to the Alarm and Apprehenſions which ſuch Importation under thoſe Circumſtances might occaſion, had conſulted His Majeſty's Advocate, and agreeable to his Opinion they complied with the Requeſt of the Lord Provoſt, and deſired Directions from the

the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury upon this Occaſion. And whereas it appears by a Letter from the Secretary of the Treaſury to the Clerk of the Council in Waiting, that the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, upon receiving the aforegoing Information, had ſent Directions to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms at Edinburgh, to prevent the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into Scotland, until they ſhould receive further Orders; His Majeſty, taking the ſame into His Royal Conſideration, and approving of the Directions given by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in Scotland thereupon, is hereby pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy Council, to prohibit the Importation of Hay and Straw from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom: And alſo to order and direct that the utmoſt Care be taken not to permit any Entry to be paſſed for Hay or Straw, which is already or may hereafter be brought from Foreign Parts into any of the Ports of this Kingdom, until His Majeſty's Pleaſure ſhall be further ſignified. And the Right Honorable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury are to give the neceſſary Directions herein accordingly. *Philip Sharpe.*

Whitehall, December 23.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint the Right Honorable William Earl of Dunmore to be Captain-General and Governor in Chief of His Majeſty's Province of New York, and the Territories depending thereon, in America.

St. James's, December 19.

The King has been pleaſed to grant His Royal Licence and Authority unto Richard Staunton Wilmot, Eſq; and his Deſcendants, to take upon him and them the Name of Sitwell, and to uſe and bear the Arms of Sitwell quarterly with thoſe of Wilmot, purſuant to the Will of Elizabeth Sitwell, late of Pontefract in the County of York, Spinſter, deceaſed.

East-India Houſe, December 22, 1769.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the General Court of the ſaid Company, appointed to be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-Street, on Wedneſday the 11th of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors for the Year enſuing, will, purſuant to a Reſolution of a General Court held the 20th Inſtant, be continued from Nine o'Clock in the Morning 'till Ten in the Evening of the ſame Day; after which Time no Liſts will be taken in.

General Poſt-Office, November 24, 1769.

Whereas a Bill of Exchange, ſuppoſed to be feloniouſly taken out of the Mail diſpatched from this Office for Ireland on Friday the 3d Inſtant, (which Mail was forcibly taken from one of the Sailors belonging to the Packet Wherry as he was carrying it from the ſaid Wherry to the Poſt Office in Dublin, on Wedneſday the 8th Inſtant,) hath been offered to be negotiated in London by four Perſons anſwering the following Deſcriptions, viz.

One of them dreſſed in a brick-duſt coloured Great Coat with a New-Market Cape, and a black Coat under it, mixt coloured Stockings, and a plain Hat, is about 5 Feet 10 Inches high, wears his own Hair, of a dark brown Colour tied behind, thin Face, freſh Complexion, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a reddiſh mixt coloured Coat, green Breeches, mottled Silk Stockings, his Hair of a lightiſh brown Colour, tied behind, about 5 Feet 8 Inches high, and between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

Another of them had on a light coloured Great Coat, a dark brown Under Coat, a Pair of dirty Leather Breeches, dark mixt coloured Stockings, a light coloured Wig, a plain Hat flapped before, and a red Handkerchief about his Neck, is about 5 Feet [illegible] rather bloated with Liquor, between 30 and 40 Years of Age.

And the other dreſſed in a grey coloured Great Coat, a dark coloured ſecond-mourning Coat, with black Buttons and Button-holes, dirty Leather Breeches, dark grey coloured Stockings, and a dark brown frizzled Wig, is about 5 Feet 4 or 5 Inches high, thick-ſet, and of a pale Complexion.

Notice thereof is hereby given, in Precaution to Merchants and Others, to prevent the Negociation of any of the Bills feloniouſly taken out of the ſaid Mail; and alſo further Notice, That whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, any of the Perſons concerned in forcibly and feloniouſly taking the ſaid Mail, ſhall be entitled to a Reward of FIFTY POUNDS *for each Perſon ſo apprehended and convicted; or if any Perſon, whether an Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make Diſcovery, whereby the Perſons who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer will, upon Conviction of the Perſons who committed the Robbery, be intitled to the like Reward, and alſo receive His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Poſtmaſter General,
Anth. Todd, *Secretary.*

Victualling-Office, December 18, 1769.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 16th of January next, they will be ready to receive Tenders in Writing, (ſealed up) and treat with ſuch Perſons as may be inclinable to undertake to furniſh Sea Proviſions to ſuch of His Majeſty's Ships and Veſſels as may touch at Senegal, and be in Want thereof; alſo Freſh Beef on a ſeparate Contract.

The Conditions of the Contracts may be ſeen at the Secretary's Office at this Office.

And all Perſons who may think proper to make Tenders upon the ſaid Occaſion, are deſired to take Notice, that no Regard will be had to any Tender that ſhall not be delivered to the Board before One o'Clock on the ſaid 16th of January next.

WHereas Mr. William Cocking, of Barking in Eſſex, went away from his Friends about Eleven or Twelve Years ago, and has not been heard of ſince: This is to acquaint him (if living) that if he will inform his Friends where he is, he may hear of ſomething to his Advantage.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt ſeveral Years ago iſſued againſt John James, late of Nether Knutsford in the County of Cheſter, Currier, Dealer and Chapman; and he being declared a Bankrupt, ſurrendered himſelf, and compleated his Examination before the Commiſſioners, but not obtaining his Certificate, he afterwards abſconded, and has not lately been heard of. And whereas an Advertiſement was lately inſerted in the London Gazette, giving Notice, that, as the eldeſt Son of the ſaid John James had attained his Age of 21 Years, if the ſaid John James would apply to him, and to the ſurviving Aſſignee of his Eſtate and Effects, a Method might be propoſed for ſettling his Affairs to his Satisfaction; but no Application having been made by the ſaid John James, purſuant to the ſaid Advertiſement, it is doubted whether he is living or not: Now Notice is hereby given, that the Creditors of the ſaid John James, who have proved their Debts under the ſaid Commiſſion, are deſired to meet the ſurviving Aſſignee of his Eſtates and Effects, at the Houſe of Richard Hancock, the George Inn in Knutsford aforeſaid, on Thurſday the 11th Day of January next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon; and the ſaid John James, if living, is deſired then and there to attend, or if any Perſon can give Information of his being either alive or dead, ſuch Perſon is deſired to ſend ſuch Information to Mr. Wright, of Knutsford, before the ſaid 11th Day of January next. Dated this 7th Day of December 1769.

THE Creditors of William John, of Penzance in the County of Cornwall, Merchant, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet his Aſſignees on Monday the 15th Day of January 1770, at the Sign of the Ship in the Borough of Truro in the ſaid County, on ſpecial Affairs.

TO be ſold, purſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Peter Holford, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn Chancery-Lane, London, The ſeveral Truſt Eſtates of the Right Honorable Thomas late Earl of Thanet, deceaſed, in Fifteen diſtinct Lots, conſiſting of ſeveral Farms and Woodlands in the ſeveral Pariſhes of Hartfield, Hellingly, Beckley, Peaſmarch, and Rye in the County of Suſſex, and of ſeveral other Woodlands in the ſeveral Pariſhes of Betherſden, Bilſington, Ruckling, Warhorne, Witterſham, and Sandherſt in the County of Kent. Particulars whereof may be had at the ſaid Maſter's Chambers, or at the Chambers of Meſſ. Woodcock and Barnard, in Lincoln's Inn.

Philadelphia, August 31, 1769.

WE the Subscribers, Assignees for the Creditors of Messrs. Orr, Dunlope, and Glenholme, late of this City, Merchants, request those indebted to the said Partnership to discharge their Ballances, to prevent further Trouble; and all those who have any Demands against them are desired to furnish their Accounts, properly authenticated, on or before the First Day of May next, when a Dividend will be made of such Effects as may then be in our Hands.

Benj. Fuller.
Randle Mitchell.
John Pringle.
James Craig.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of Frances Byrd, late of George-Street Hanover-Square in the County of Middlesex, Widow, deceased, are forthwith to come in and prove their Debts before Samuel Pechell, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn in Chancery Lane, London, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

PUrsuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the unsatisfied Creditors (if any such there are) of Sir John Pole, Baronet, deceased, late of Shute in the County of Devon, are forthwith to come and prove their Debts before Robert Pratt, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's Inn in Chancery-Lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be excluded all Benefit of the said Decree.

TO be sold, pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, before Thomas Harris, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, The Manor and Barton of Compton near Torbay in the County of Devon, with several Messuages and Farms, let on Lives at several yearly reserved Rents; and also the Capital Messuage and Farm, with divers Parcels of Meadow, Pasture, Coppice, and Arable Land, lying contiguous to the said Manor, and now let to several Tenants at 370 l. per Annum, late the Estates of John Gylberte, Esq; deceased. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

TO be peremptorily sold, pursuant to a Decree and subsequent Order of the High Court of Chancery, before Thomas Harris, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Lincoln's Inn, on Wednesday the 24th Day of January next, at Six in the Afternoon, The Manor of Selena in the County of Cornwall, let on Lives at several yearly reserved Rents, being Part of the real Estates, formerly of Charles Henshaw, Esq; deceased. Particulars whereof may be had at the said Master's Chambers.

THE Assignees of the Estate and Effects of John Fremantle, formerly of Leicester-Fields in the Parish of St. Ann Soho in the Liberty of Westminster and County of Middlesex, late of Hampstead in the said County, Esq; discharged out of His Majesty's Prison of the Fleet, London, by virtue of a late Act of Parliament made for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, will meet on Tuesday the 23d Day of January next, 1770, at Six of the Clock in the Evening of the same Day, at the Turk's Head Tavern in Gerrard-Street in the Parish of St. Ann Soho in the Liberty of Westminster aforesaid in the said County of Middlesex, in order to make a Final Dividend of the said Mr. Fremantle's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors of the said John Fremantle, who shall have made out the Justness and Identity of their respective Debts, by Oath, pursuant to the Directions for that Purpose mentioned and expressed in the said Act of Parliament, are desired to attend, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

PUrsuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Charles Lord Camden, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for Enlarging the Time for William Lane, of Lemon-Street in the County of Middlesex, Dealer in Sugar and Chapman, (a Bankrupt) to surrender himself, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, for Twenty-eight Days, to be computed from the 19th Day of December instant; This is to give Notice, that the Commissioners in the said Commission named and authorized, or the major Part of them, will meet on the 16th Day of January next, at Seven of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender himself, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination; and the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the same, and assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Samuel Braddock, late of the City of Chester, Grocer, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 4th and 5th Days of January next, and on the 3d Day of February following, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon of each of the said Days, at the House of Mrs. Bird, being the Sign of the Golden Talbot in the City of Chester, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. William Hamilton, Attorney, in Chester.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Keeley, of the Borough of Southwark in the County of Surry, Hop-Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, met on the 23d Day of December instant, at Guildhall, London, for the Proof of Debts and Choice of Assignees, pursuant to Notice in the London Gazette for that Purpose given; but, at the Desire of the Creditors present at the said Meeting, the said Choice was put off to the 2d Day of January next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors, who have already proved their Debts, are desired to attend, and those who have not may then and there come and prove the same, and chuse Assignees accordingly.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Peter Hasenclever, late of London, but now of Putney in the County of Surry, Merchant, late one of the Partners in Trade with Andrew Seton and Charles Crofts, late of London, Merchants, intend to meet on the 16th Day of January next, at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the same.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Arthur Ripley, of the Borough of Southwark in the County of Surry, Mercer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 30th Day of January next, at Four in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against John Frime, late of Bayswater in the Parish of Paddington in the County of Middlesex, Brewer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 20th Day of January next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Joseph Simon, of the Parish of St. Stephen Coleman-Street, London, Merchant, intend to meet on the 17th Day of January next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Further Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Richard Darke, of Bedford-Street Covent-Garden in the County of Middlesex, Upholsterer, Dealer and Chapman, intend to meet on the 30th Day of January next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors, who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to prove the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend. And all Persons, who have made any Claims, are to come and prove the same, or they will be disallowed.

WHereas the acting Commissioners in the Commission of Bankrupt awarded against George Longstaff, of Pimlico in the County of Middlesex, Bricklayer, have certified to the Right Honourable Charles Lord Camden, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, that the said George Longstaff hath in all Things conformed himself according to the Directions of the several Acts of Parliament made concerning Bankrupts; This is to give Notice that by virtue of an Act passed in the Fifth Year of his late Majesty's Reign, his Certificate will be allowed and confirmed as the said Act directs, unless Cause be shewn to the contrary on or before the 13th of January next.

THE following Persons being Prisoners for Debt, in the respective Prisons, or Goals, hereafter mentioned, do hereby give Notice, That they intend to take the Benefit of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty King George the Third, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*, at the next General or Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held in and for the County, Riding, Division, City, Town, Liberty, or Place, or any Adjournment thereof, which shall happen next after THIRTY Days from the FIRST Publication of the under-mentioned Names, viz.